

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 21, 2001  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Mosher, Deputy Mayor Marshall, Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Degginger, Lee and Noble

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. by Mayor Mosher, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present. Representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2995 led the flag salute.

(a) Proclaiming the week of May 20-26, 2001, as Asian/Pacific Americans Week

Nadine Shiroma explained that she and Dave Asher, Kirkland Councilmember, co-founded the Eastside Asian Pacific Islanders organization in 1999 to promote dialogue within the local Asian Pacific Islander population and encourage community involvement. Councilmember Lee serves on the organization's steering committee. Ms. Shiroma thanked the City for co-sponsoring the Asian Pacific Islanders Heritage Month celebration at Crossroads Community Center.

Mayor Mosher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 20-26, 2001, as Asian Pacific Americans Week in Bellevue and urged all citizens to learn more about the contributions and history of Asian Pacific Americans.

(b) Proclaiming Memorial Day, May 28, 2001, as a Day of Remembrance

Mayor Mosher welcomed representatives of several veterans groups in the audience who were invited by Councilmember Lee. Mr. Mosher read a proclamation declaring Memorial Day, May 28, 2001, as A Day of Remembrance in Bellevue.

(c) Award for City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan

Kris Liljeblad, Assistant Director for Transportation Planning, announced that Bellevue received a Merit Award from the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for its Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Progress Report and Plan Update. The earlier 1993 plan previously won an award from the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association. Mr. Liljeblad thanked Mike Ingram, Associate Planner, and Dennis Neuzil, Chair of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Citizen Advisory Group, for their involvement in this project.

Mr. Ingram described key pedestrian/bicycle corridors and how the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan is used by City staff. Mr. Neuzil thanked the Citizen Advisory Group and Leah Greenblat, former City employee, for their work on the plan.

(d) Proclaiming June 16 and 17, 2001, as Bellevue's 24-Hour Relay Challenge Days

Helena Stephens, Recreation Program Manager, introduced Jan Still, Bellevue School Board Member and Adult Relay Director; Jonathan Lee, Youth Relay Director; and Tina Lin, Public Relations Chair for the 24-Hour Relay Challenge event. Ms. Still displayed a video and noted that this year's event will be held on June 16 and 17 in Downtown Park. Ms. Lin said the Relay Challenge accomplishes three objectives: 1) assists the Bellevue community to internalize the value of youth and teens, 2) continues to provide opportunities for youths to experience leadership as they become an integral part of the community, and 3) provides a citywide mechanism for volunteerism that transcends age, gender, and ability to strengthen community bonds. Ms. Lin thanked Council and the City of Bellevue for their support.

Mayor Mosher read a proclamation declaring June 16-17, 2001, as Bellevue's 24-Hour Relay Challenge Days.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Julio Joaquin spoke to Memorial Day and the contribution of Filipinos during World War II. He said Filipino veterans have not received formal recognition or military benefits for their service on behalf of the United States. He encouraged President Bush and the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress to take legislative action in this regard.
- (b) David Williams, President of Standing Ovation, announced the organization's pledge of \$10,000 to the campaign to build an Eastside regional performing arts center. Standing Ovation is a nonprofit arts organization that contributes time and resources to raise and distribute funds for Eastside arts groups. He encouraged Council to make a performing arts center a reality.
- (c) David Greenlaw, a resident of Lakemont Crest, said he was recently informed that landscaping and trees on his property will be removed to accommodate sidewalks in front of his house. He and his neighbors submitted a document to the City this morning stating they do not want a sidewalk installed. He noted there is a sidewalk across the street. Mr. Greenlaw said City staff visited his neighborhood this afternoon and proposed a

compromise agreeable to both the residents and the City. He requested Council's involvement to ensure resolution of this matter.

- (d) Brian Murphy, also a resident of Lakemont Crest, said some of the townhouses in the development have been occupied for more than a year. He said the developer/contractor never informed him that sidewalks were to be installed. He has been told that sidewalks must be installed before remaining homeowners are allowed to move into their houses. He said the development is accessible by driveways and not located on the main thoroughfare. Mr. Murphy said residents were not informed of this issue until last Thursday. He thanked Councilmembers for listening and requested their support.
- (e) Carroll Lauren expressed concern about the removal of water from Downtown Park, which was designed to incorporate water elements. She noted that vandalism and graffiti have occurred since the water was turned off.
- (f) Paul Hosoda thanked Council for its support and recognition of veterans. He noted Council's resolution earlier this year to encourage the renaming of the U.S. District Courthouse in honor of Private First Class William K. Nakamura as well as today's proclamation mentioning PFC Nakamura and Technician Fifth Grade James K. Okubo, both Medal of Honor recipients. Mr. Hosoda explained that many Nisei veterans are reluctant to speak about their experiences due to a concept that encourages restraint and the avoidance of bragging.

Councilmember Degginger attended both the courthouse renaming and the Medal of Honor ceremonies. He was moved and impressed by the contributions of these Americans and pleased that he could take his son to meet some of the veterans.

Councilmember Lee was in Washington, D.C., for the inauguration of President Bush and attended a commemoration for veterans. Mr. Lee expressed his appreciation for veterans and encouraged citizens to never forget the importance of sacrificing for others.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Steve Sarkozy said water was removed from Downtown Park as an energy and water conservation measure. Noting the unexpected consequences of graffiti and vandalism to the waterfall structure, Mr. Sarkozy said water will be restored in the park this week.

Mr. Sarkozy said the May 29 Council meeting has been cancelled as several Councilmembers will be out of town. He invited the public to an Open House on May 22 at Sunset Elementary School in the newly-annexed area of West Lake Sammamish.

At Mr. Sarkozy's request, Planning and Community Development Director Matt Terry provided an update on the Lakemont Crest sidewalk issue. Mr. Terry said the developer started working today to install the required sidewalks. A solution developed jointly by the City and

homeowners will narrow the street, shift the sidewalk slightly to the south, and maintain desired landscaping.

In response to Mr. Noble, Mr. Terry said Certificates of Occupancy have been delayed due to the developer's failure to complete required utility infrastructure elements and the turnover in the project's ownership.

Mrs. Marshall thanked staff for working with residents to resolve the sidewalk issue.

6. Council Business

Dr. Davidson reported on a water purveyors meeting and encouraged citizens to continue conservation efforts.

7. Approval of the Agenda

➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Consent Calendar

➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Mr. Degginger seconded the motion.

Mr. Lee provided clarifying comments in reference to the minutes of the Performing Arts Breakfast held on April 30, 2001. He feels a performing arts facility must be available to community organizations, community theaters, and local artists, particularly if the City is to contribute funding.

➡ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of April 30, 2001 Special Meeting  
Minutes of May 7, 2001 Study Session  
Minutes of May 7, 2001 Regular Session
- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending May 10, 2001, and payroll for the period April 16 through April 30, 2001.
- (c) Resolution No. 6545 authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local 763, representing Police Clerical and Communications employees.

- (d) Resolution No. 6546 authorizing execution of an agreement with King County Housing Authority for an affordable housing project known as Eastwood Square recommended by the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) Board.  
*[Material provided under Study Session, Item 2(a).]*
  - (e) Resolution No. 6547 authorizing execution of a right-of-way use agreement with Time Warner Telecom of Washington for the installation, operation and maintenance of fiber optic cable in City right-of-way subject to general conditions.
  - (f) Resolution No. 6548 authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation Office of Local Programs to accept \$422,000 in federal TEA-21 funds from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Management Program for the construction of Lake Washington Boulevard non-motorized improvements including design and construction of sidewalks and bike lanes on Lake Washington Boulevard in the Newport Hills neighborhood. (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-65)
  - (g) Motion to award Bid No. 0117 for replacement of three pressure-reducing valve stations and two commercial meters in the amount of \$251,001.60 to Gary Harper Construction, Inc. as low bidder.
  - (h) Resolution No. 6549 authorizing execution of a consultant services agreement with CHS Engineering, Inc. for construction support services for the 2001 Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement Project, Phase 1, in the amount not to exceed \$79,000. (CIP Plan No. W-16)  
*[This contract will provide for timely construction inspection and coordination by an outside firm as City staff are fully deployed.]*
  - (i) Ordinance No. 5295 authorizing execution of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to accept and administer City Fish Passage grant funds in the amount of \$265,902.50 for construction of storm water capital projects that remove fish migration barriers for threatened Chinook salmon at road crossings in the East Creek/Kamber Road area; establishing a project within the Utility CIP Fund; amending the budget for the Utility CIP Fund by appropriating additional revenues to that Fund; authorizing expenditures of said funds; and authorizing interfund loans. (CIP Plan Nos. D-71 and D-84)
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Ordinance No. 5296 amending the 2001-2002 biennial budget by increasing appropriations to the General, Equipment Rental, Facilities Services, Franchise and Information Services Funds; decreasing the appropriation to the Development Services Fund; and adjusting the authorized FTE levels by 0.34 FTEs.

Interim Finance Director Gary Ameling explained that the proposed budget amendment:

1. Recognizes beginning fund balance amounts into 2001 which are in excess of the amount budgeted during the 2001-2002 budget process.
2. Covers departmental budget increases necessary to complete specific items in the 2000 budget that were not completed at the end of that year.
3. Corrects a few items either overlooked or incorrectly estimated as part of the budget process.
4. Authorizes four small partial FTE (full-time equivalent employee) increases to allow positions that were intended to receive benefits to continue to receive benefits under the new employee benefit rules adopted by Council last fall.

Mr. Ameling noted that packet materials for this ordinance were prepared several weeks ago and do not include the \$71,725 General Fund budget amendment passed by Council on May 7, 2001, recognizing funding from the King County Housing Authority. Council's desk packet includes a revised version of Ordinance No. 5296 with the corrected 2001-2002 General Fund budget.

➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to adopt the corrected version of Ordinance No. 5296, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to adopt the corrected version of Ordinance No. 5296 carried by a vote of 7-0.

- (b) Resolution No. 6550 authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with Redmond, Bothell, Kirkland, Eastside Fire & Rescue, King County Fire District 45, Northshore Fire Department, Shoreline Fire Department, Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District, and King County Public Hospital District #2 (Evergreen Hospital) to establish the Northeast King County Emergency Medical Services Consortium.

Deputy Chief Ron Pedee of the Fire Department said the interlocal agreement will ensure the continued provision of advanced life support (ALS) services to the area generally referred to as the Evergreen Hospital ALS Response District. Resolution No. 6550 would authorize Bellevue's participation in the drafting and execution of a business plan to continue these services.

➡ Mr. Lee moved to approve Resolution No. 6550, and Mrs. Marshall seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve Resolution No. 6550 carried by a vote of 7-0.

- (c) Resolution No. 6551 regarding the Sister City Affiliation Policy; and amending Resolution No. 6384.

Judy Louisell, Sister Cities Program Administrator, requested Council approval of the Sister City Affiliation Policy, which has been amended to incorporate Council's direction at the May 14 Study Session. She noted that the selection criteria is intended to be used as a "toolkit."

- ➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve Resolution No. 6551, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.

Mr. Lee is opposed to the resolution. He strongly supports the Sister City program. However, he is not comfortable with the selection criteria which he fears could create barriers to selecting future Sister Cities. He feels the program presents opportunities for the City to make friends and that friendships should not be based on specific criteria.

- ➡ The motion to approve Resolution No. 6551 carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Lee dissenting.

- 12. Unfinished Business: None.
- 13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
- 14. New business: None.
- 15. Executive Session: None.
- 16. Adjournment

At 9:26 p.m., Mayor Mosher declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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